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1 — Watch Oklahoma's Inhofe and Pruitt Spar With EPA Over 'Waters of the U.S.' Rule, NPR StateImpact, 2/5/15 <http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/02/05/watch-oklahomas-inhofe-and-pruitt-spar-with-epa-over-waters-of-the-u-s-rule/>

A rare joint Congressional hearing in Washington Wednesday took up the issue of "Waters of the United States," the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to more clearly define which bodies of water qualify for federal protection under the Clean Water Act.

2 — Plant in St. James Parish seeks permit to emit mercury, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 2/5/15 http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/02/plant_in_st_james_parish_seeks.html#incart_river

Noranda Alumina officials say they believe their nearly 55-year-old refinery in St. James Parish has been releasing mercury into the air without a permit, possibly since operations began in 1959.

3 — WIPP woes due to wrong word?, Albuquerque Journal, 2/5/15 <http://www.abqjournal.com/537476/news/wipp-woes-due-to-wrong-word.html>

In the spring of 2012, a Los Alamos National Laboratory team spelled out how difficult nuclear waste should be treated at the lab. Instead, those good intentions morphed into the makings of a disaster, a report by the federal Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General shows.

4 — Ascension, St. James oppose EPA's proposal for tougher ozone standards, Baton Rouge Advocate, 2/5/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/weeklies/11525854-123/ascension-st-james-officials-opposing>

Two parishes in the heart of south Louisiana's industrial corridor along the Mississippi River have asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to delay implementing tough, new ozone standards. The EPA proposed Nov. 25 to lower the ozone benchmark, saying it reviewed a broad body of scientific literature suggesting the shift would improve public health and the environment.

5 — Camp Minden looks at other options to get rid of explosive propellant, KNOE, 2/5/2015 <http://www.knoe.com/home/headlines/Camp-Minden-looks-at-other-options-to-get-rid-of-explosive-propellant-290988781.html>

Discussion continues on what to do with the millions of pounds of explosive material sitting at Camp Minden. Originally, the plan was to do an open tray burn. But experts say there are better and safer ways to get rid of the explosive M6 propellant.

6 — Landrieu calls Obama's offshore drilling plan a 'gross injustice to Gulf Coast states', Houston Chronicle, 2/3/2015

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/02/02/landrieu-calls-obamas-offshore-drilling-plan-a-gross-injustice-to-gulf-coast-states/>

The Obama administration's plan to divert some offshore oil and gas revenue away from Gulf Coast states threatens efforts to protect Louisiana wetlands, said former Sen. Mary Landrieu on Monday.

7 — For State's Seismologist, Quakes Will Be the Easy Part, Texas Tribune, 2/6/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/02/06/state-seismologist-profile/>

David Craig Pearson remembers the first time he felt the earth tremble beneath his feet. Mother Nature wasn't to blame. The U.S. military was.

8 - Water expert: NM is draining water reserves, Albuquerque Journal, 2/6/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/537490/news/expert-nm-draining-water-reserves.html>

If water were dollars and New Mexico a bank, our checking account would be busted and we'd be dipping dangerously into savings. That's how Sam Fernald, director of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute, thinks about the state's dire water conditions.

9 – EPA official visits Majestic Hotel site, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 2/5/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/feb/06/epa-official-visits-majestic-hotel-site/>

The Environmental Protection Agency visited the Majestic Hotel site Wednesday for the first time since a fire last February reduced the "yellow brick building" portion of the vacant site to rubble, several officials confirmed.

10 – EPA: Keystone XL's climate impacts need to be revisited, Alexandria Town Talk, 2/4/2015

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/04/chemical-weapons-cache_n_6611174.html

With the recent dip in oil prices, the Environmental Protection Agency wants the State Department to "revisit" how much of a toll the Keystone XL oil pipeline would have on global warming.